

## The Indian Advocate

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### EDITORIAL AND LOCAL.

Our warmest thanks and heartfelt gratitude to the generous Rector of St. Theresa's Parish, New Orleans, for the royal reception he tendered to our Fathers and Brothers while at the Crescent City. Words cannot express the obligation we are under to the ladies of the Altar Society of the same parish. May God bless and reward a hundredfold all our benefactors of New Orleans.

Rt. Rev. Abbot Augustine Bastre, O. S. B., came over from France with nine new recruits for Sacred Heart Mission. We knew the saintly Prelate twenty years ago and we are happy to state that our esteem and veneration has increased in beholding the venerable Father again.

Dom Eliseus Ardaus pronounced his first vows on the tenth of last month. If God spares our young brother, great things are expected of him, for it is written "He who has received much, the same shall be required of him."

Mr. Fürstenberg, Sr., was our guest. He came from Macou, Illinois, to visit

his four children all inhabitants of the Mission. We understand that the gentleman is the happy father of eleven children six of whom are consecrated to God in religion. The great day of Judgment shall reveal the designs of God upon such a predestined family.

Nine postulants entered the novitiate of Sacred Heart Priory a few weeks ago. To see nine youths in the bloom of life, giving themselves unreservedly to the service of their Maker is a sight not often witnessed in this wild country; and therefore it is a sight worthy of our admiration, and to be practical, worthy of our imitation.

The Editor was favored with a two month's vacation. Of course during the year he had the pleasure of teaching and attending to his other religious duties, and therefore a recess was thought necessary for the recuperation of his health. Well, parish priests and their curates need a rest too, and so it came to pass that the Editor had the pleasure to revisit his old parishioners and to stay with them just as long as vacation lasted.

We opine that many of our Very Reverend and Reverend Confreres took a vacation also, visiting the World's Fair or the Old Country. We, of the backwoods have neither the means, nor the will to do either, but the thing we would desire is, that our Reverend Confreres and Catholics at large would remember us in their prayers, (for we need prayers more than anything else,) and besides help us to educate as many Indians as possible by subscribing for the INDIAN ADVOCATE, and we promise them in return a fair share in that other Exposition at which each and every one of us shall be present and participate. Remember, dear benefactors, the sub-